

The Friday flash !!!!!

Here's some of the latest news from across my desk this past week hope it is helpful to you!

REMINDER: FRIDAY FLASH IS ACCESSIBLE ON THE OPI WEB SITE

~from Diana Fiedler, Business & Marketing Specialist, OPI, dated June 2, 2006~

"Realizing that not everyone has access to or checks their school emails during the months of June and July, I thought you'd like to know that the bi-weekly Friday FLASH's are available to you *any time, any where* on the OPI web site. Once at the home page (www.opi.mt.gov) click on the 'Programs and Services of OPI' arrow in the upper right corner. Choose 'Business and Marketing Education' and once there, you'll find links to some past news reviews.

FRIDAY FLASH ONCE-A-MONTH DURING JUNE AND JULY

During the summer months of June and July, I will be posting a 'Friday FLASH' once a month. Once August starts up again, you can anticipate a 'FLASH' every other week. Except for a few business trips and a two-week vacation, I will be available to you at my office number and email address all summer. Don't hesitate to call or email if you have questions."

JACKIE SPICHER AND WESTON JONES TAKING A NEW PATH!

~from Diana Fiedler, Business & Marketing Specialist, OPI, dated June 2, 2006~

"Jackie Spicher just recently emailed to say she has resigned her teaching job at North Star to spend some 'Mom time with her girls and especially her little guy.' It's possible that she may be involved with BPA as an advisor or co-advisor next year but will not be teaching in the classroom.

Weston Jones emailed me this week to say he's accepted a teaching position in Florence where he'll be the new Technology teacher. He says, "I would like to thank all of you for the past six years of BPA. I will not be part of BPA for a while but I will try to get a chapter started once I begin teaching business courses again. It has been great knowing all of you. As of now, my email address is Weston.j@yahoo.com until I get my new one at Florence."

We all certainly appreciate the value both Jackie and Weston have brought to their respective BPA chapters and we wish them the best of luck in their new positions!!

MONTANA QUALITY CHAPTERS RECOGNIZED AT NLC

~from Local Advisor's Bulletin, BPA, dated May 2006~

"The following chapters have been identified as quality chapters for 2005-2006. Many more chapters most likely qualify. If you would like your chapter identified as a quality chapter, simply complete the Quality Chapter Application and email it to sgfroerer@bpa.org. The form can be downloaded from www.bpa.org/studentsAwards.htm.

Billings West Senior High School, Shelly Stanton, Advisor
Butte High School, Maureen Richardson, Advisor
Bozeman High School, Carol Perlinski, Advisor
Denton High School, Eric Swenson, Advisor

Sidney High School, Elaine Stedman, Advisor

'CHAIN OF LOVE' DISPLAYED AT SUMMER GAMES

~from Bob Norbie, President/CEO, Special Olympics Montana, dated May 11, 2006~

"The 'Chain of Love' will be strung up in the Olympic Village with multiple signs under it at intervals explaining what it is all about. Please encourage your BPA students to join us for the Games and to visit the Olympic Village to see the 'Chain of Love'. We so do appreciate all you do to help students grow into responsible young adults." (Diana's Note: The Summer Games were held at the ExpoPark Four Seasons Arena in Great Falls on May 17—the time when most of us were returning from NLC.)

NEED SOME ACCOUNTING TEXTBOOKS?

~from Alane Dinsdale, Business teacher, Broadwater High School, Townsend, MT, dated May 23, 2006~

"I am replacing my Century 21 Accounting books, 7th edition. I have an Instructor's binder and 20 textbooks and workbooks if anyone is interested. Our district is surplusng them—all anyone would have to pay for is the shipping." **If you are interested in these free textbooks and resources, please contact Alane Dinsdale at: adinsdale@townsend.k12.mt.us.** "

RESOURCES FOR TEACHING ECONOMICS & PERSONAL FINANCE

~from NCEE Curriculum Team, NCEE, dated May 24, 2006~

"The National Council on Economic Education's Spring 2006 Catalog "Resources for Teaching Economics and Personal Finance K-12" is available for download at www.ncee.net/catalog. Each publication and resource is hyperlinked to the specific product page on our web site, so you can easily preview the Table of Contents, Read more about each resource, download a free sample lesson or quickly place your order online. Beat the inevitable end-of-semester rush to order materials by downloading the 2006 catalog today. Thank you for your continued business and enjoy your summer break."

TWO NEW BOOKS BY FRAN KICK!

~from Shawna Gfroerer, BPA National Center, dated May 23, 2006~

"If you really want to know what motivates kids today, these first two books

What Makes Kids KICK

What Makes Kids KICK @ Home

(of an eventual series of four) might be super summer reading for you. This series represents a comprehensive compilation of the best of the current writing and research on kids available today. You can preview both books online right now, plus check out the reviews at: <http://uc8.net/l/d38pdqghdh67/xrstlxv2gm/>. For more information, log onto the BPA National web site: www.bpa.org.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS (CIP) NEWSLETTER

~from Margaret Bowles, Accreditation, Office of Public Instruction, dated May 23, 2006~

"The Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) newsletter will be available at regular intervals to keep schools and districts informed about the 5YCEP, effectiveness reports, and the latest school improvement topics. Please see the link below to access the online Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) newsletter:

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/5YearPlan/CIP.html>.

NBEA SEEKING SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS

~from Dennis Krejci, NBEA Program Committee, dated May 16, 2006~

"I am currently serving on the 2007 NBEA Program Committee and am asking for your help. I have two sessions that I need speakers for. I would like to get several names of people in your region that would be able to speak on either of these subjects. The first topic is Program Promotion. The points we would like to see discussed are: techniques and strategies to attract students to the program, how programs can be structured to recruit, and curriculum restructuring. The second topic is Business Education Relation to Core Content. The points to be discussed are: business knowledge and skills that enhance academic learning, "connection" of business to math, English, economics, Policies commission statement, and how business connects to and reinforces core content.

If you could send me the names and email addresses of any potential speaker, I can contact them to submit proposals. **Any information from you would be appreciated and, of course, the sooner the better. Thank you.** Dennis R. Krejci, Tri County High School, DeWitt, NE, 402-683-2015 email: dkrejci@esu6.org.

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